

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, immediately following the title "CULTURE METHODS FOR CRYPTOSPORIDIUM," please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/AU2005/000262, which was filed February 25, 2005, claiming benefit of priority of Australian Application 2004900960, which was filed February 26, 2004. The entire disclosure of each of the foregoing applications is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 29, immediately after claim 40, please insert a new page containing the following abstract of the application:

**ABSTRACT**

A host-cell free method for culturing *Cryptosporidium* comprising the step of introducing *Cryptosporidium*, at a first lifecycle stage, into a host-cell free medium under conditions which enable the *Cryptosporidium* to progress to a second lifecycle stage.